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C O N F I D E N T I A L JOHANNESBURG 1142

CAPE TOWN ALSO FOR EMBASSY

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: SF, PINS PINT

SUBJECT: SOWETO POLICE ALERTED FOR ATTEMPT TO EMBARASS VORSTER

1. SOWETO POLICE ARE GOING ON FULL ALERT FOR NEXT TEN DAYS BECAUSE OF INFORMATION RECEIVED THAT AN ATTEMPT MIGHT BE MADE TO EMBARASS PRIME MINISTER VORSTER PRIOR TO OR DURING HIS MEETING WITH VICE PRESIDENT MONDALE. SOWETO DIVISION CHIEF JAN VISSER, AS WELL AS SOWETO SECURITY POLICE HEAD TONY VISSER (NO RELATION) AGREED THERE WAS A "STRONG PROBABILITY" A CIVIL DISTURBANCE WOULD BE ATTEMPTED TO COINCIDE WITH VORSTER/MONDALE MEETING.

2. BRIG VISSER REITERATED THAT HIS POLICY WAS TO "LET BE" PROTEST MARCHES AND MEETINGS IF THEY WERE PEACEFUL. HE TOLD CONOFF HIS MEN WOULD NOT BE ARMED WITH RIFLES IN MOST CASES, BUT WITH BATONS AND SHIELDS ALTHOUGH THEY WOULD CONTINUE TO CARRY SIDEARMS.

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COMMENT: BOTH VISSERS SEEM RESIGNED TO THE PROSPECT OF CONTINUED DISORDERS IN THE BLACK TOWNSHIPS. BRIG VISSER, IN PARTICULAR, WAS OUTSPOKEN IN HIS CRITICISM OF SAG POLICIES TOWARD URBAN BLACKS BUT CAUTIONED THAT HE MUST "BE SILENT BECAUSE I AM CIVIL SERVANT".
NONETHELESS, HE BELIEVES POLICE MUST MAINTAIN "LAW AND ORDER".

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